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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE REFUGEES ARRESTED IN SAO PAULO

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. THE DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING CASE,
SINCE IT MAY INDICATE A CHANGE IN GOB POLICY TOWARD REFU-
GEES.

2. ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, MIGUEL RICCI AND
ELSA BREGA DE RICCI LEFT ARGENTINA FOR POLITICAL REASONS
IN EARLY 1977. ON JUNE 10, THE COUPLE WAS REPORTEDLY
ARRESTED IN SAO PAULO FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. FURTHER
DETAILS ARE UNAVAILABLE.

3. ANY COMMENTS OR INFORMATION EMBASSY AND CONGEN CAN PRO-
VIDE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. EMBASSY'S OPINION ON WHETHER

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THE ARREST MIGHT BE A PRELUDE TO A NEW POLICY OF FORCED

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REPATRIATION OF ARGENTINE REFUGEES WOULD ALSO BE APPRE-
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